

OFFERING PARTNERSHIP IN REFORM

(Mr. NEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, we surely all learned during our campaigns that the American people, whether they are Republican, Democrat, or Independent, have the willingness to become involved in the energetic give and take of public debate. We saw that same energy on this floor for 13 hours yesterday come forth from both sides of the aisle. But when we looked at the final tally on that scoreboard up there, we had the support of our Democrat colleagues for our contract with the people of this country.

Let me say, you can pick apart what we could not do yesterday. We can pick apart what you did not do when you had ample time over a period of years. However, that is not the direction that the people of this country want. There is time left to do other good things for the citizens of our country.

We extend to this side of the aisle not a right hand, but both hands, for you to involve yourself with us for a partnership down the road to make other necessary changes for a better way of life for the people of this great country.

IT IS PAST TIME FOR AN AUDIT OF THE HOUSE

(Mr. BROWNBACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. Speaker, what a great day it was for America yesterday, and for this farmboy from Parker, KS. We put in place a number of reform initiatives that needed to take place. I was delighted to carry the bill to do a complete audit of the House of Representatives. It passed, 430 to 1. I say that is unanimous bipartisan support. I am going to look for the one guy that did not agree to vote for this particular bill.

One other thing that I was amazed and very saddened and mad about was the fact that this institution has never been audited before. Can Members imagine any business, any not-for-profit entity, any agency that has never been audited?

In the history of this institution it has not been done, not in the past 40 years, not in the past 50 years, not in the past 5 years.

What is going to happen? We are going to make this place accountable to the American people, and we are going to tell the American people how the assets have been used and where the dollars have been spent. So keep watching as we reveal and we open the doors to the people's House.

REFORM PROCESS SHOULD INCLUDE BAN OF LOBBYIST GIFTS

(Mr. BENTSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute, and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, last night this House proclaimed its intentions to pursue a course of reform. Member after Member asserted they were acting on the will of the people and taking the lead to change the way we do business.

Fair enough, but let us not stop, let us not recess, but move on and tackle the issues which the people of the 25th District desire to be addressed—a lobbyist gift ban and campaign finance reform. My constituents want to change business as usual—end free trips, curb the influence of special interests, reform campaign finance, and stop the money chase. You cannot have one without the other.

I just defeated a man who spent \$3 million of his own money. As long as we engage in a bidding war for campaign dollars, we shall never be free from the influence of outside interests. To quote Willie Nelson, "We came to play, not just for the ride." Let us stay and do the job to reform campaign finance and ban lobbyist gifts.

HISTORIC CONGRESSIONAL REFORMS: THE FIRST STEP IN RESTORING AMERICA'S TRUST AND FAITH IN CONGRESS

(Mr. LONGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LONGLEY. Yesterday was a great day for this country. We instituted nine historic reforms in our congressional revolution, and we have begun a journey of restoring trust and confidence in the American Government.

I am especially pleased with our passage requiring super majorities to raise taxes. For too long it has been too easy to raise taxes and spend the people's money, and in fact the budget process has been rigged in favor of tax increases rather than spending cuts.

Yesterday on the floor of this House I sat with my 6-year-old daughter and my 10-year-old son. We are not only taxing our families to death today, but we are spending our children's money today, that they will be forced to repay tomorrow. That must be stopped. I look forward to continuing our work to earn the trust of all Americans.

CALLING FOR FULL DISCLOSURE ON GOPAC FOR TRUE CONGRESSIONAL OPENNESS

(Mr. DURBIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the new 104th Congress launched a new

beginning, a new spirit of openness. In the name of that spirit of openness I am calling on Speaker GINGRICH to make a full disclosure of not only all of the contributors to his multi million-dollar GOPAC, but also a full disclosure of the contributors to the Progress and Freedom Foundation.

This foundation enjoys preferential Federal tax treatment. The foundation raised \$1.6 million in 1993 and 1994 from 95 donors. Over \$400,000 from this foundation went to pay for the Speaker's college courses.

This morning the Roll Call newspaper, published in Washington, DC, has a front page story about contributions made to the Progress and Freedom Foundation by a biomedical company which then asked for help from the Speaker's office in terms of approval for a new home AIDS test with the FDA.

I think it is time for the Speaker to really fully disclose what is behind the Progress and Freedom Foundation and GOPAC. In this new spirit of openness the Speaker should open the books on both of these organizations. That I think would launch a real new beginning, real new openness, and full disclosure.

THE MOST PRODUCTIVE FIRST DAY IN CONGRESSIONAL HISTORY

(Mr. BURR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, in our Contract With America, my Republican colleagues and I promised that on the first day of the 104th Congress we would make dramatic changes in the way Congress does business.

Yesterday, during my first day as a new Representative from North Carolina's Fifth Congressional District, we kept our word. We voted to make Congress live under the laws it imposed on the rest of the country, to cut congressional committee staffs by one-third, and to limit the term of committee chairmen, and yes, the Speaker of the House.

Our first day in office was the most productive first day in congressional history, and I was encouraged that many of the reforms were supported by Republicans and Democrats alike.

During the next 99 days and throughout the next 2 years we now face the challenge of passing the reforms demanded by my constituents and by all the American people. The American people want and deserve the reforms. Today I urge my colleagues to join me in fulfilling the wish of the American people.

WHO WAS HELPED AND WHO WAS HURT AFTER FIRST DAY'S ACTIONS?

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1